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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF

STATE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES COMMISSION  
LICENSE BRANCH NUMBER 86  
LOWELL, INDIANA

January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003





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## OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Chairman, Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission	Mr. Gerald Coleman Ms. Mary DePrez	01-06-02 to 02-29-04 03-01-04 to 01-05-05
Branch Manager	Ms. Paula Merkel	01-01-03 to 12-31-04



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE STATE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES COMMISSION

We have examined the Schedule of Collections and Distributions of the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission License Branch Number 86 (Branch) for the period of January 1, 2003, to December 31, 2003. The Branch's management is responsible for the schedule. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Schedule of Collections and Distributions and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedule referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Branch for the year ended December 31, 2003, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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September 14, 2004

STATE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES COMMISSION  
 LICENSE BRANCH NUMBER 86  
 LOWELL, INDIANA  
 SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS  
 January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

	<u>Amount</u>
Collections:	
Registrations	\$ 4,235,398
Titles	448,582
Drivers Licenses	68,802
Watercraft	30,540
Miscellaneous	<u>382</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,783,704</u>
Distributions:	
State Fees	\$ 1,544,612
County Tax	2,891,239
Commission Fees	<u>347,853</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,783,704</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedule.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Note 1. Introduction

The Motor Vehicles Commission was created to manage the motor vehicle license branches. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is a separate state agency which provides support services to the Commission controlled license branches. The license branches collect fees which fund the Motor Vehicles Commission. The license branches collect and forward county taxes (excise tax, wheel tax, and surtax) and state fees. The Commission has one contractual branch that is administered by an individual contractor according to Bureau policies. The Commission has developed a mobile license branch to serve the need of CDL license issuance and other special needs as they arise.

Note 2. Collections and Distributions

Each branch collects fees and taxes when vehicle and watercraft registrations, titles and drivers licenses are sold. Fees are uniform throughout the state. The following taxes are collected by the branches: excise tax, surtax, wheel tax, and use tax.

The total daily collections are deposited to a single bank account. From this account the collections are distributed to separate bank accounts which are not controlled by the license branch and belong to the state, county and Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission.

Note 3. Banking System

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission has entered into an agreement with Bank One for a cash concentration system. The system utilizes a series of individual noninterest bearing accounts (clearing accounts) from which all fees and taxes are transferred.

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION  
January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

<u>Transactions Processed</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Vehicle Registrations:	
Passenger	24,417
Motorcycle	985
RV (Housecar)	351
Light Truck	7,582
Other Truck	440
Farm Truck	249
Tractor	43
Trailer	3,032
Semi-Trailer	359
School and Church Bus	42
Other Bus	6
Other	<u>35</u>
Total Vehicle Registrations	<u><u>37,541</u></u>
Drivers Licenses and Permits:	
Drivers Licenses/Learners Permits	3,081
CDL Licenses/CDL Permits	195
Placards	362
Other	<u>1,845</u>
Total Drivers Licenses and Permits	<u><u>5,483</u></u>
Titles:	
Vehicles	5,052
Watercraft	<u>85</u>
Total Titles	<u><u>5,137</u></u>
Total Watercraft Registrations	<u><u>408</u></u>



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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on September 14, 2004, with Ms. Paula Merkel, Branch Manager. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.